

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 15, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Steve Forster.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell and Craig Hawes – Absent: Jesse Brand
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Ann DeVore moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of March 1, 2005. Martha Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.6, 2005, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE FACILITIES.” Steve Ruble indicated he had explained this Ordinance last meeting and asked if there were any further questions. Martha Myers made a motion to pass the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “R-6” (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO “SU-2” (SPECIAL USE-SCHOOLS).” (Central Middle School) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, explained the Ordinance before the Council. He indicated the Columbus Plan Commission had given the application a favorable recommendation. George Dutro raised the question about traffic circulation. John Quick, Superintendent of the School Corporation and the architect for the project, Mark Eriksson, addressed the issue of traffic circulation. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to place the matter in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, RE-ZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM “SU-11” (SPECIAL USE –PUBLIC BUILDING & USES) TO “I-2” (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL).” (East Columbus Independent Fire Dept.) Jeff Bergman explained the re-zoning and displayed a drawing of the property in question. Jeff indicated the Columbus Plan Commission had reviewed the application and made a favorable recommendation. Martha Myers made a motion to place in proper channels. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE REFUNDING PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AND CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING SEWAGE WORKS REVENUE BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.” Keith Reeves and Jason Schiesser. Keith Reeves, Director for Columbus City Utilities, explained that Crowe Chizek had recently done a study for City Utilities As a result; it was recommended the 1996 Bonds be refinanced. This would result in a net savings of approximately \$350,000 for both Sewer and Waterworks. Terry Coriden, attorney, and Jason Schiesser, attorney for Baker and Daniels, answered questions from the Council. It was explained that there would be no risk to the City of Columbus as a result of refinancing these bonds. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE REFUNDING PRIOR TO MATURITY OF CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED AND CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING WATERWORKS REVENUE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION, SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES OF SUCH WATERWORKS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.” Keith Reeves and Jason Schiesser. Again, this ordinance was read but was discussed under Item C. George Dutro made a motion to place in proper channels. Robert Kittle seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.12, 2005, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” (Transit and MVH) Jim Norris and Sue Chapple. Jim Norris asked that capital items be released for purchase from the Cum Cap Improvement Fund. Discussion followed. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- F. Reading of a Resolution entitled ‘RESOLUTION NO.13, 2005 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.’ (Parks) Chuck Wilt and Park Board member, Brian Russell, asked the ’05 lease items be released for purchase. Ann DeVore made a motion to approve the Resolution. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Council appointments to Human Rights Commission. Craig Hawes

presented a press release for the record. He spoke of the reappointments. He made a motion to approve the reappointment of the Board members. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

- B. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. Robert Kittle indicated he had the CF-1 forms and would be reviewing them with the Incentive Review Committee.
- C. Next Regular Scheduled meeting April 5, 2005.
- D. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer